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## **An Act To Facilitate the Timely Reopening of Closed Clam Flats**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6692** is enacted to read:

### **§ 6692. Municipal water sampling**

A municipality may contract with a private entity to conduct water sampling in an area closed by regulation to shellfish harvesting. The municipality may submit that water sampling data to the commissioner for the commissioner's consideration in determining whether or not to reopen the area to shellfish harvesting.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes a municipality to contract with a private entity to conduct water sampling in an area closed by regulation to shellfish harvesting. The municipality may submit sampling results to the Commissioner of Marine Resources for consideration in determining whether or not to reopen the area to shellfish harvesting.